IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 24, page 8 and ending at line 19, page 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 2 shows a flow diagram of an exemplary ordering and quotation process 200 carried out on system 10, according to embodiments of the invention. By way of overview, the process 200 begins with a quotation parent order process 202, during which a shopper selects assets from the marketplace catalog 122 to produce a quotation parent order object 203. During an initial quotation process 204, the parent quotation order object 203 is passed from the marketplace store 120 to specified proxy stores 124, each of which exchanges information with its corresponding remote store 104 or local store 128, and processes returned quote information to prepare an initial quotation order object 205. During a selection order process 206, the buyer selects items from the initial quotation order objects 205, and based on such selections, the specified proxy store 124 prepares a selection order object 207. During a final quotation process 208, based on the selection order object 207, the proxy store 124 consults with its associated remote store 124 or local store 128, and prepares a final quotation order object 209. During a final selection order process 206A, the shopper makes selections from the final quotation order object 209, and such selections are used to update the selection order object 207. In a submission order process 210, the final selections are passed by the specified proxy stores 124 to their respective remote stores 104, and a submission order object 211 created. Once submission order processing has occurred, an order tracking process 212 can be called to generate an order status record 213. An inventory report process [[212]] 214 is also available for generating an inventory report 215 for administrative purposes. In process 200, the quotation parent order object 203 is a parent order object, with each of the subsequent order and quotation objects 205, 207, 209 and 211 being child order objects. In order to track the relationship between the parent and child objects, the marketplace 100 generates an order quotation relationship object 220 which includes a separate object for each child object generated during order quotation process 200.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1, page 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

During submission order process 210, upon shopper request, a submission order is sent by a participating proxy store 124 to its associated remote store 104. The submission order includes information from selection list 107 of the selection order object 207, along with an order type identifier identifying the order as a submission order. Each proxy store that submits a submission order builds a submission order object 211. Examples of submission order objects generated by proxy stores A and B are shown in Figure 10. Each submission order object 211 has attributes similar to those of selection order object 207, and includes a submission order list of items 1002, each item in the list setting out, among other things, a tradable asset that the shopper is ordering from the associated remote store, the quantity of the asset ordered, and the pricing of the asset. A unique child object ID 402 is assigned to each submission order object 211 (child object ID 1008 is assigned to submission order 211 for proxy store A and child object ID 1009 is assigned to submission order 211 for proxy order B), and an associated "submission" order quotation relationship object 220 (see Figure 4) created for each submission order object. In some cases, the shopper is hyperlinked to a website at the remote store 104 during the submission order process 210, with steps (such as payment processing) that need to be carried out to complete the shopping process being done at the remote store 104.